

CLAIMS

1. A golf putterhead having a hosel which extends generally horizontally forward $1/4$ to 1 ball diameter from a location above the strikeface and is located approximately $1/2$ ball diameter or more above the intended strikepoint or 1 ball diameter or more above the soleplane in a vertical plane normal to the strikeface, before connecting to a golf shaft to the player side of said hosel, in such a manner that said hosel top surface or markings thereon serve as an unobstructed sight or aim line toward the intended target while also increasing the static balance moment of the putterhead, said hosel may also extend rearward in the same vertical plane at the same or differing elevation up to a distance not exceeding the face width of said putterhead.
2. The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein said hosel extends forward from the strikeface approximately $1/4$ to $1/2$ a ball diameter.
3. The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein said forward extending hosel or a shaft bend at or near the forward end of said hosel extends $1/4$ to 1 ball diameter in a direction generally normal to said hosel plane towards the golfer in such a manner as to not visually distract from or interrupt the sight line formed by such hosel and such that said normal bent shaft or hosel extension does not substantially reduce the golfer's view of the ball and wherein said forward hosel and said normal hosel extension or bent shaft is arranged such that a putter with such putterhead is statically faced balanced by having the shaft axis intersecting the vertical center line plane normal to the strikeface at approximately the same elevation as the clubhead center of gravity.

4. The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein the upper surface of said forward or said rearward or both hosel extensions have an aim line of 0.05 to 0.5 inch width on the upper horizontal portion or central portion thereof with any remaining portion thereof visible from above by the golfer, being of a differing or contrasting color or finish.
5. The putterhead of Claim 4 wherein said aim line of said hosel extensions is black or other dark finish while any remaining portion of said hosel extensions and that portion of any normal hosel extension or bent shaft lying above a golf ball contacting the intended strikepoint of said putterhead, has a white or light finish such that it visually blends in with a golf ball centered under said forward hosel extension.
6. The putterhead of Claim 5 wherein that portion of said normal hosel extension or at least the bottom portion of the club shaft connecting to it or both, which are not over a golf ball contacting the intended strikepoint, are finished or colored dull green or another dark non-reflective color such that these hosel or shaft sections are less visible and blend into the grass background when viewed by a golfer from above.
7. The putterhead of Claim 1 used in conjunction with a golf ball marked with a dark line of a width approximately the width of said hosel aim line, along a portion of the ball's circumference or equator, which line the golfer aims at the target.
8. The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein the weight of said rearward sight line extension is reduced via one or more holes or apertures, the use of light weight materials, the use of thin section materials or combinations thereof.

9. The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein the moment of inertia about the putterhead's center of gravity is increased by placing a major or majority portion of the putterhead's weight within 3 or more locations of a mass ring located between 75% and 100% of the maximum horizontal distance from said putterhead center of gravity.
10. The putterhead of Claim 1 wherein at least the forward most portion of said forward hosel extension or the lower shaft section proximate to it is made of or weighted with a heavy metal such as tungsten or lead to increase the putterhead's moment of inertia.